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Linda Carpenter

Executive Director of Finance and Operations

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 5B 551
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 02-6
Request for Review - SLD Case #21-209216
SLD - 486474

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter will address questions asked about our 2005-06 E-Rate funding application. This application was denied eight years ago, and we continue to appeal that it be approved.

Mr. Mark Nadel of your office requested that we clarify some of the numbers used in our application, specifically the difference between the amount the Ossining UFSD applied for and the amount we claimed.

Listed here are is total funding applied for, that funding with the 53% discount, and the actual invoice totals for each vendor. The difference in the amount we applied for and the amount we subsequently asked for in our appeal is that the amounts in first column were estimates based on the prior year's invoices, and in our appeal we were able to provide actual invoice amounts because the date of that appeal was after the 2005-06 funding year.

	<u>Total Funding</u> <u>Year Pre-Discount</u>	<u>Funding</u> <u>Amount with</u> <u>53% Discount</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Invoice Before</u> <u>Discount</u>
SW BOCES Intellipath	\$67,212	\$35,622	\$77,454.73
AT&T Government Markets	8,500	4,505	4,786.18
NexTel Communications	<u>24,000</u>	<u>12,720</u>	<u>15,924.19</u>
	\$99,712	\$52,847	\$98,165.10

A review of our vendors at that time shows that they were NexTel Communications, AT&T Government Services, and Southern Westchester BOCES. Of the total paid in 2005-06 to these vendors, 79% was paid to Southern Westchester BOCES. Southern Westchester BOCES is a consortium of school districts established to obtain economies of scale, ultimately reducing the school districts' costs. There are no other vendors we could have applied to who would provide us with lower costs for these services.

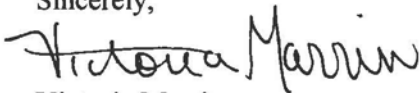
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NexTel and AT&T Government Services have continued to be reliable vendors, supplying us with the good quality services we needed at reasonable prices. They have very few competitors, and as they represented only a small portion of the total paid to all three vendors, we did not feel it to be the most beneficial expenditure of our time to pursue the minimal difference in these vendor costs.

We continue to feel that we had applied for E-Rate discounts correctly by following the procedures to file our E-Rate application on time, and that our application should be approved.

Ms. Dortch, this matter has now continued over eight years. We have responded to every inquiry asked of us with detailed answers. We are most anxious for a positive close to this matter, to obtain the funding we requested back then. Thank you for your considered response to our appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Marrin".

Victoria Marrin

Administrative Assistant to Alita Zuber, Assistant Superintendent for Business